



My Dear Parishioners,

Last Monday, our RCIA crew arrived at the chapter on THE CHURCH. In so doing, we discussed how the Church is in fact the Living Body of Christ. As such, She is different from any other organization or club. Composed of many different parts, the Church, like our own bodies, needs a mirror to see clearly all those parts. To appreciate the good that She does, to share the Gospel more effectively, joyfully and faithfully. Two weekends, from now, our parish will have a Big Mirror shining on her and I am so grateful for what we are about to see! All the good, all the generosity, all the service that our parish does and the opportunity you have to be a part of it all. To set the stage for that, Jen Keller shares below the details of that special weekend. Be sure to mark your calendars now and be here on September 11 or 12.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

**St. Patrick Parish**  
*Receiving and Giving the Love of God*



*Nothing Compares  
to Being Here*

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**SAVE THE DATES**  
September 11 & 12, 2021  
Welcome Back  
Stewardship & Ministry Weekend

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"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone."  
1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

St. Patrick Parish is a community deeply rooted in faith and fellowship – one that is filled with a vibrant past, spirited present and hope-filled future! As Father stated, the CHURCH is the Living Body of Christ. And it is **WE**, the **PEOPLE**, who are the **CHURCH** and **Nothing Compares to Being Here!**

After all Masses, on the weekend of September 11 & 12, we extend an invitation to all parishioners to learn of our past by touring our Parish Religious Education Center. The cornerstone of this historical building was laid in 1927 and served as school to many until its closure in 2012. Today, this building is where our youth gather each week for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and where many of our parish groups now meet. It is also where we plan to host our all-time parish favorite Coffee & Donut Sunday beginning in October! All are welcome to “Come and See” the beauty within this building and learn some fun facts about St. Pat’s as tours will be provided by our very own parishioners who went to St. Patrick School!

In addition to our School Open House, our **Parish Stewardship & Ministry Weekend** will be an exciting way to showcase the wonderful work of our parish ministries and share the many ways that YOU can become involved! Upon coming to Church this weekend, all parishioners will be given a directory of all our parish ministries and organizations along with an interest card. After all Masses, out front of Church, you will have an opportunity to meet and converse with our ministry coordinators and/or other parishioners who are currently active in one or more of our ministries. You can also learn about our various faith formation groups forming this Fall and other ways to partake in group prayer. If you are interested in joining one or more of our ministries, please fill out the interest card and drop it off in one of the collection boxes that will be located in the parish courtyard and out front on Meredith Street. There will also be a comment section where you can list any new ideas or offerings you might like to help develop here at St. Pat’s. There is something here for everyone! **Wait....there’s more.....**All parishioners who simply just visit with one or more of our ministry coordinators/volunteers, regardless of a commitment to volunteer, will have their interest card entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift card to a local restaurant. Winners will be announced after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 19.

So what comes next? Myself and the respective ministry coordinator will follow up with all interested persons in the coming month. Don’t worry if you will miss this parish event, as copies of the directory and interest cards may be found in the back of Church. You can fill out the interest card at your convenience and return it to the Parish Office by way of the weekly collection basket. There is plenty of time to get involved and let it be understood that we need you! St. Patrick’s has been blessed by awesome, generous and faithful parishioners and we thank you all! Let it be known that we appreciate all our volunteers and look forward to continuing to build our church community through our various ministries, prayer, and partaking of the Eucharist! It is only in these ways that we can be the strongest and most vibrant presence of the Church for the needs of us all - present and future! May God be Praised!

God Bless,

Jen Keller, Director of Parish Engagement